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Dear Ms. Squire:

I am writing with regard to Case # **05-1740**, Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC.

As a resident of Pendleton County I am opposed to the introduction of industrial wind turbines into the most scenic and most beautiful county in the entire state of West Virginia. The PSC is empowered to serve the public by protecting it from abuses of power by noncompetitive public utilities. I think that authority should be legislatively mandated or judicially extended to protect us from Exempt Wholesale Generators, who have the power to abuse us by depriving us of the full use and enjoyment of our scenic vistas and by diminishing the market value of our property.

I might entertain the idea that siting wind turbines on the ruined ridges and strip-mined landscape of southwestern WV would not impair an already dreary sight, but to do so to the scenic jewel of the Potomac Highlands is outrageous capitulation to investors more interested in tax breaks than reliable power production.

Please think about this, the biggest thing Pendleton County has going for it is our scenery. You always here about how beautiful our mountains are. Let's keep them that way!!

Sincerely,

Janel Bowers